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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, D/GG/S

21 March 1956

THROUGH: Ch/G  
Chief, ST/PB  
Chief, D/S

FROM: Chief, S/TR

SUBJECT: Request for the Preparation of USSR Railroad Map

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1. With reference to a conversation between [redacted] of your office and [redacted] of this office a map of railroads of the USSR is herewith requested in support of ORR project 43.760 currently being prepared by S/TR. This project deals with the development of the transport sector of the USSR through 1960.

2. The map should show the following: a) The complete railroad network as it currently exists, distinguishing between single track, double track, and electrified lines. b) Current construction underway on new lines, installation of second track, and electrification. c) New lines, double tracking and electrification as proposed in the Sixth Five Year Plan. d) If possible it would be desirable to differentiate between broad and narrow gauge lines.

3. It is recommended that the map be on a scale of 1:8,000,000. Its classification would be Secret, since data on double tracking of existing lines is not readily available from unclassified sources. It is understood that your office prepared a manuscript map of Soviet railroads for the Stassen Study, showing current status of electrification. Furthermore, your recently issued map on the "New Lands" should be helpful and will cut down on valuable research time. In addition, Gudok on 12 February 1956 printed a map showing the existing network, and planned construction of new lines, double track, and electrification, and another map on 27 January 1956 showing the network of electrified lines as it is planned to be in 1960. Our analysts and files are also available for consultation and support at any time. The responsible analyst is [redacted] x2370 or x657.

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4. The anticipated publication date for the project for which the map will be a part is approximately 15 May 1956.

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ORR/S/ ST: [redacted] dnl

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